

24. A docking station as recited in claim 1, wherein power is inductively provided from the docking station to the portable computer when docked in the housing without using a conductive electrical contact between the docking station and the docked portable computer;

25. A docking station as recited in claim 1, wherein power is provided to the docking station from the portable computer when the portable computer is docked in the housing.

26. A docking station as recited in claim 1, wherein at most one surface of an imaginary rectangular polyhedron substantially conforming to the portable computer is exposed when the portable computer is docked in the housing.

27. A docking station as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one media drive of the portable computer is exposed for use while the portable computer is docked in the housing.

28. A docking station as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one port of the portable computer is exposed for use while the portable computer is docked in the housing.

29. A docking station as recited in claim 1, wherein the docking station further comprises a stand that has one or more of the following characteristics: is removable and includes a pass-through hole for organizing one or more cables attached to the docking station.

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